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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Dulles & China**

MR Foster Dulles cuts an impressive figure as the "architect" of the Japanese peace treaty, but he is somewhat less attractive as a would-be shaper of United States Far East policy. Mr Dulles favours the heroic approach—"it is time for us now to get tough." One form this "toughness" should take, according to Mr Dulles, is withdrawal of the United States Seventh Fleet from the Formosa channel, thus freeing Chiang Kai-shek and his forces to invade the mainland. President Truman's action in assigning the Seventh Fleet to the Straits of Formosa was designed to neutralise that seaway and to prevent it from being used in such a manner as to aggravate a difficult and delicate situation in the Far East created by last year's developments in the Korean conflict. The presence of the American fleet has probably had another influence—whether intended or not—that of discouraging the Communists to attempt an assault against Formosa. In proposing the withdrawal of the Seventh Fleet, Mr Dulles apparently feels satisfied (a) that Chiang Kai-shek is ready and willing to undertake an invasion of the mainland from his Formosa fortress; (b) that it would be successful; (c) that it would persuade the Chinese Communists to come to ready terms with the United Nations in Korea; and (d) that action of such a nature is the most likely to bring about a collapse of the Communist regime in China.

MR Dulles' optimism cannot be readily shared about any of the foregoing alternatives. Moreover, basically his policy for dealing with the problem of Communism in China is short-term only. It suggests a superimposition of authority by external forces, which carries no guarantee of permanency, particularly as in this case Mr Dulles would have American support given to a Chinese leader who so dismally failed his country when it needed more than at any other time, in its history, inspired leadership to save it from Communism. Current American policy vis-a-vis China, while not wholly endorsed by other members of the Free World, is reasonably realistic and adaptable to the requirements of the situation. It would lack both qualities if it were to become unequivocally committed to the cause of the regime now established in Formosa.

**NATO's New Naval Chief**



Admiral Lynde McCormick (seated centre) poses with his NATO aides receiving word of his appointment as Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in the Atlantic. Seated (left to right) Lt-Gen. Foulkes (Canada), Sir William Elliott (UK), Vice-Admiral Wright (US), Admiral McCormick, Lt-Gen. Paul Ely (France), Rear-Admiral J. Foskett (US) and Col. Donnelly (US). Standing, Major-Gen. M. Foulkes (Belgium), Rear-Admiral S. Ramlau-Hansen (Denmark), Air Vice-Marshal H. Campbell (Canada), Rear-Admiral J.H.A. Forrest (Netherlands), Lt-Gen. E. Frautlin (Italy), Rear-Admiral J.E. Jacobsen (Norway) and Brig. D. A. Ferreira (Portugal).

**MOB FIRED ON: ONE KILLED**

Teheran, Feb. 12. According to press despatches reaching here, the police opened fire to disperse a mob who attacked a polling booth at Nishadoun, near Meshed, North-East Persia, killing one and seriously injuring five.

Before the police reached the scene the miscreants had taken away one ballot box and were in the process of capturing another, the reports added.

At another election centre, Kashmar Ruso, near Meshed, North-East Persia, 5,000 people assembled at the local telegraph office, protesting against unfair election methods, according to Teheran Radio.

The Premier, Dr Mohammad Mossadegh, hearing of the incident, telegraphed, assuring them that all complaints would be investigated by his special representative.

Sixty persons were arrested at Zabol by the military in connection with Saturday's election riots.—Reuter.

**UN Truce Delegates Await New Proposal By Reds**

Munich, Feb. 13. The United Nations truce delegates waited today for a clue that the Communists were ready to introduce a new compromise proposal to break the standstill over the post-war fate of Korea. But the UN sub-delegation will resume discussions on armistice supervision terms and prisoner exchange.

There was a possibility today that the Reds might at least name neutral nations to carry out behind the lines inspection.

The Communists hinted at concessions on Tuesday in a 30-minute session on the fifth item of the Korean armistice agenda, which calls for truce negotiators to agree upon recommendations for governments to discuss at the full dress peace conference.

In order that a reasonable solution can be achieved on Item Five of the agenda, "our

side will be prepared to submit a revised version of our proposal at the next plenary session," North Korean General Nam Il said yesterday.

The senior Communist delegate said the plenary session would be arranged through liaison officers as soon as they were ready with the ground-giving proposals. But no call came through at late hours on Tuesday, and it appeared that there would be no plenary session on Wednesday.—United Press.

**HK To Hear Full Description Of The King's Funeral BROADCASTING ARRANGEMENTS**



**Inquiry Ordered Into Reason For US Jet Ace Being Kept In Korea**

Washington, Feb. 12. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Hoyt Vandenberg, conferred today with advisers on the controversy which arose after the jet ace, Major George Davis Jr., was shot down in the Korean fighting.

The general was understood to have decided to ask Air Force Headquarters in the Far East to conduct an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the retention of Maj. Davis in Korea.

All other American aces had been transferred after having shot down five enemy planes. Maj. Davis had 14 to his credit.

Mrs Davis accused the Air Force of having kept her husband in Korea against his will, while the Air Force said the Major was kept in the battle area at his own request.—France-Press.

**POLICY DEFENDED**  
US Fifth Air Force Hq., Feb. 12. An Air Force spokesman today defended the policy of keeping all jet pilots—including aces—in Korea until they have finished their normal tour of 100 combat missions.

That is the Air Force stand on the controversy that has raged since Major George A. Davis, Jr., was shot down on Sunday. Davis had destroyed 11 MIGs and three Red bombers in 60 missions.

The spokesman said Davis was a hero, but that statements that he should have been sent home were likely to make him a figure of controversy instead.

The first three American jet pilots to become aces in the Korean war were returned to the US after their fifth kill. Five kills make a pilot an ace.

In Lubbock, Texas, Mrs Davis said her husband should have been sent home the same as the first three.

She said Davis recently wrote her "Things can't go on like they are. We lose so many planes and so many men. The MIGs are so much better than the Sabres that something must be done."

Mrs Davis, who is expecting her third child in May, said, "I could feel that his life was in danger for some good reason I could feel better about it. But this is a war without reason. I would like to ask a full scale investigation of why he was left in Korea."

In Washington, Representative Mahon (Democrat-Texas) asked the Air Force to investigate thoroughly and report to him on circumstances surrounding Davis' death. He said Air Force officers at the Pentagon had promised to look into the matter.

The Fifth Air Force spokesman said policy requires the completion of 100 missions in Korea, but that the first three aces were sent home to instruct other airmen being readied for Korean combat.

"We don't send a ground soldier home when he kills 10 Communists," the spokesman said. "The same principle applies to jet pilots." He added that fighter-bomber pilots and Sabre jet pilots who do not become aces face the same dangers as aces.

**The King's Funeral BROADCASTING ARRANGEMENTS**

Radio Hongkong this morning announced plans for a complete coverage of Friday's State procession in London and the funeral service of the late King George VI at St George's Chapel, Windsor, as well as the memorial services to be held in the St John's Cathedral and the Catholic Cathedral.

Radio Hongkong will open at 7 a.m. as usual on Friday, remain on the air until 2 p.m., resume broadcasting at 5 p.m., and will stay on the air until the BBC closes down.

Hongkong marks the day of the funeral firstly with a memorial service at the Catholic Cathedral which begins at 10.30 and ends at 11.15 a.m. This service will be broadcast both by Radio Hongkong and Rediffusion.

A 30 minutes break with suitable music will follow and at approximately 11.45 Radio Hongkong will go over to St John's Cathedral to relay a memorial service from there. This will last until approximately 1 p.m.

The State procession from Westminster Hall to Paddington Station starts at 5.15 p.m. Hongkong time, and according to a message received this morning from our London correspondent, the BBC Overseas Service has planned to give instantaneous worldwide coverage of the procession as well as the funeral service at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

Both Radio Hongkong and Rediffusion will carry relays of these broadcasts.

Radio Hongkong will come on the air at 5 o'clock, and the BBC broadcast will start 15 minutes later.

Our London correspondent says that a team of commentators will be stationed at 30 points along the funeral procession route to Paddington, where the cortege is expected to arrive at 8 p.m. Hongkong time.

Broadcast commentators will begin when the cortege reaches Windsor, and the service from St George's Chapel, will be heard.

Our correspondent adds that listeners in the Far East will be able to follow minute-by-minute eyewitness descriptions of the scenes along the route and at Windsor in Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Burmese, Malay, Thai and Japanese.

**REHEARSALS**  
London, Feb. 12. Military plans with the detail and precision of a wartime operation were made today in preparation for the funeral of King George VI.

Most of the military jobs in the State ceremony are being rehearsed again and again by the men who will perform them in London and at Windsor, where the Monarch is to be buried.

Sailors from the Royal Navy Gunnery School, HMS Excellent, had a dress rehearsal in the traditional task of pulling by hand the gun carriage which will haul the body of the dead King part of the way from Windsor station to St George's Chapel inside Windsor Castle for the formal last rites.

This tradition began at Queen Victoria's funeral in 1901, according to Court historians. Six horses were hitched to the gun carriage, but when they were commanded to "wall-march" the two lead horses reared up and all six fell down.

A naval guard of honour was standing at attention nearby and their commander ordered them to attach ropes to the gun carriage and pull it to the Castle.

The custom has been followed for the funerals of all sovereigns since. The gun carriage to be used on Friday is the same green-gray caisson used to carry the coffin of Queen Victoria.

The War Office issued a special order of the day today naming Major-General J. A. Gascoigne, Commander of the London Military District and of the Brigade of Household Guards, as chief of all land, sea and air units assigned to the procession.

The funeral cortege will move slowly out of Westminster Hall where the King is lying in state for three days at 9.30 a.m. Friday, headed for Paddington Station.

**Colonial Service Lauded By Queen**

London, Feb. 12. Queen Elizabeth II today expressed her "warm appreciation" for the work of Britain's Colonial Civil Service.

In a special message to all members of the Colonial Service she said, "I desire, on my accession to the Throne, to express to all members of the Colonial Service my warm appreciation of the ability and devotion with which in the past they have performed their manifold and responsible duties."

"The splendid traditions of the Service are well known to me, and are rightly a source of pride to its members."

"I know that I can depend with confidence on their unfailing loyalty and on their continued and steadfast devotion to the wellbeing of the peoples whom they serve," — Reuter.

**British Police Supt Slain In Malaya**

Singapore, Feb. 12. A British Superintendent of Malayan Police and two other police were killed today by a Communist ambush in a remote area of Selangor.

Mr R. H. Jesse, 32, the Superintendent, was travelling with a party of European government officials when their semi-armoured truck was stopped by a felled tree. Twenty fully armed terrorists lobbed grenades into the truck, killing the police.

Mr Jesse, a Malayan Lance Corporal and a special constable were killed outright and a British police Lieutenant and a Malayan Corporal seriously injured.

The Malay driver was also killed.

Several others received minor injuries when the truck ran off the road into a ditch.

Mr Jesse leaves a wife and child in Selangor State.

During the last war he served with the RAF and came to Malaya with the British Military Administration in 1945.

The attack was similar to the one in which Sir Henry Gurney, British High Commissioner, was killed last October 6.—Associated Press.

**Belgian Govt Defeated**

**SEQUEL TO ROYAL FUNERAL DECISION**

Brussels, Feb. 12. King Baudouin's decision not to attend the funeral of King George VI brought defeat to Belgium's Catholic Government tonight on a Socialist censure motion.

All Opposition members—Socialists, Liberals, Communists—walked out of Parliament's Lower House in protest when the Prime Minister, M. Jean Van Houtte, refused to resign.

A brief, bitter debate had suddenly brought to the surface the clearest divisions among the Belgian people and politicians since over the wartime role of Baudouin's father, Leopold, who abdicated in his favour last July.

The House approved by 91 votes to 84, with one abstention, a Socialist motion, simply regretting the composition of Belgium's delegation to the funeral.

**STRICT PROTOCOL**

Political trouble had been simmering since a Royal Court communiqué announced last week that Baudouin's 18-year-old brother, Prince Albert, would head the delegation.

King Baudouin has not paid any State visit abroad since he came to the Throne last July. In view of this, Court circles had insisted that the King's decision not to represent Belgium at the funeral was in accordance with strict Belgian Court protocol.

Official circles denied that the Premier had threatened to resign if King Baudouin did not change his mind.

A veteran Socialist leader, M. Camille Huysmans, moving the motion today, appealed to the Government to reconsider the arrangements for the funeral.

He said that, in accordance with the Constitution, he was not going to involve the person of King Baudouin but was holding the Government responsible. He went on: "Belgium alone will not be represented by the Head of State to pay a tribute of sympathy to the young Queen of England and the British nation, which faced sacrifices at a moment when everything seemed lost."

A Royal Palace communiqué announced today that King Baudouin will attend a memorial service for King George VI to be held at Brussels' Anglican Church on the day of the funeral.—Reuter.

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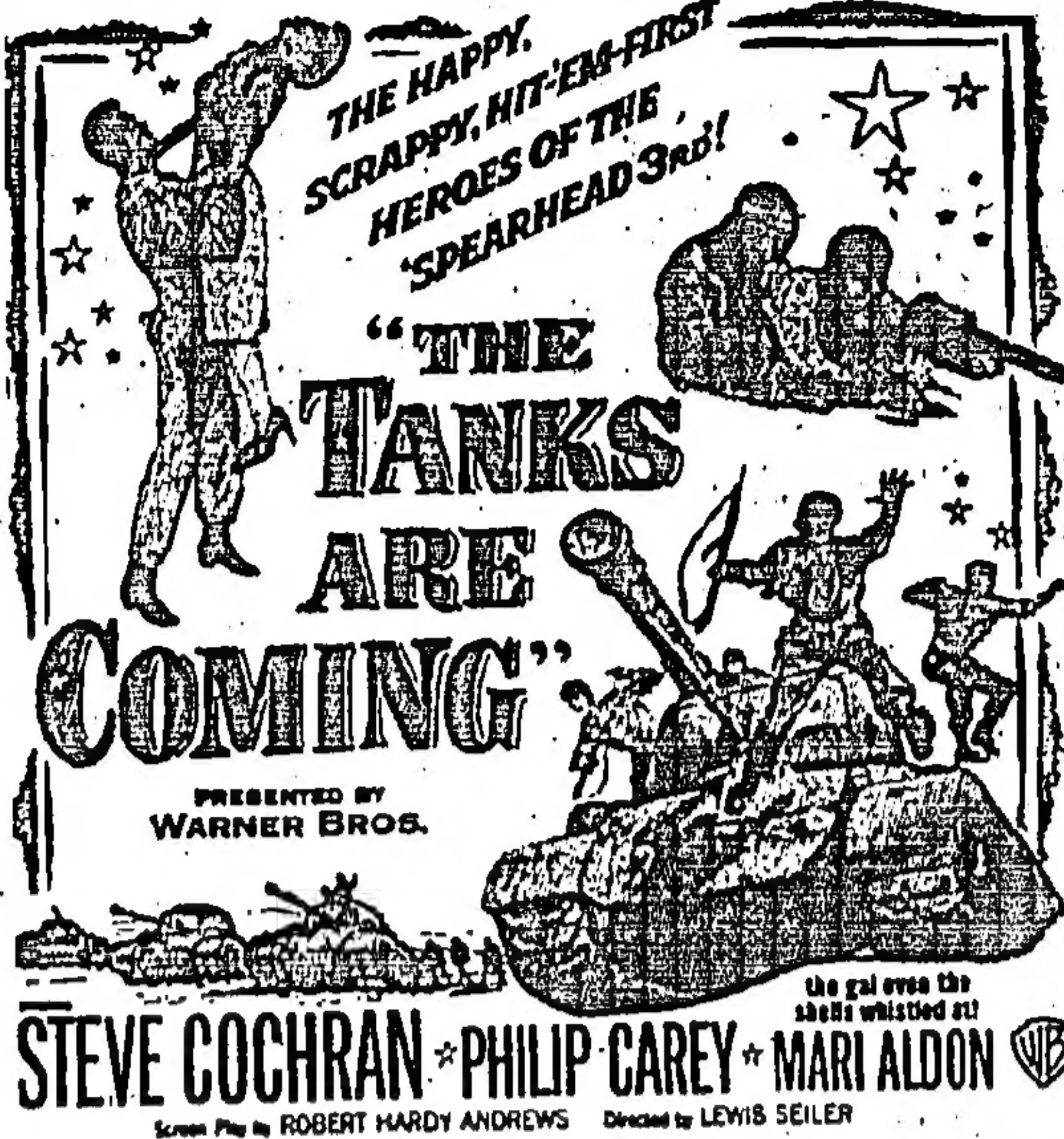
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## Seizure Of Gold From HK

Rangoon, Feb. 12. — Burma customs officials today seized, as unclaimed property, 7,050 taels of gold in 1,008 pieces concealed in battery cells for torches aboard a Hongkong steamer in Rangoon harbour. — France-Press.

## DRIVE ON ARGENTINE INFLATION

Buenos Aires, Feb. 12. — President Peron, in a move to combat inflation, today ordered higher salaries and a new price freeze throughout Argentina. The cost of living in Argentina has increased by 80 per cent since September, 1949. Under the new decree, some prices which President Peron declared had been increased because of "unrecoverable profits" will be reduced. As a first step in the programme, President Peron ordered the National Economic Council to ratify prices which had increased "justifiably" to reduce those which had increased "too much" and then to apply a rigid freeze to all prices with strict enforcement of the measures outlined. On the basis of the new cost of living level, wages will be adjusted upwards, he said. The President gave the Council only a short time to do the job, declaring that the new salaries must be effective by March 1. He ordered steps to be taken thereafter to keep prices and wages in balance permanently. — Associated Press.

## Nationalists Form Front

Paris, Feb. 12. — The eight principal nationalist movements of French North Africa decided here today to join in a "Front of North African Unity and Action". An Istiglal communiqué said that the Front was formed by the delegates of these movements. The Sultan of Morocco told visiting South American United Nations delegates in Rabat today, "Our dearest wish is to see Morocco become an active United Nations member." According to the Istiglal movement, the Sultan said that Morocco had national aspirations and wished to release these aspirations without losing France's friendship. — Reuter.

## Richest Woman In Portugal

Lisbon, Feb. 12. — The Marquesa De Valmor, Dona Maria Do Carmo Constantino Ferreira, 70, died today. She was said to be the wealthiest woman in Portugal. Her fortune, estimated at \$40,000,000, largely came from coffee estates in Africa. It is to become a fund to improve living conditions of Portuguese settlers and African workers in Africa. — Associated Press.

## Italians To Work In Britain



## TRUMAN WILLING TO STAND FOR PRESIDENCY

Washington, Feb. 12. — Representative Adolph Sabath said today after a White House visit that President Truman told him that he is willing to seek re-election if it will help speed world peace. Mr Sabath said that President Truman offered a number of reasons why he should not be a candidate.

But, Mr Sabath said, the President also told him that he would take the calculated risk of shortening his life if it would help bring about peace and benefit to the United States and the world.

Mr Sabath, Chairman of the House Rules Committee, said that he himself could not see how President Truman could refuse to be a candidate for re-election. President Truman's objections to running again were similar to those voiced by the late President Roosevelt.

Mr Sabath made public more details on President Truman's current political thinking than any recent White House visitor. "I asked him how soon he would give out an announcement that he would be a candidate again but I could not get him to go on record," Mr Sabath said.

"He gave me some reasons why he should not be a candidate and I gave him some reasons why he should," Mr Sabath added. "He talked about how it is a killing job and how it killed Roosevelt. 'But he said that if he actually feels that it would be of aid to America and the world he would be willing to sacrifice his health, shorten his life and be a candidate again. He thought that if it would help bring about peace and benefit the nation and the world he would in that instance run again.'"

Mr Sabath said that the President feels that perhaps conditions may develop which may not make it necessary for him to run and which other democratic candidates may do as well as he could. Mr Sabath said he urged President Truman to run again and Mr Truman feels that if it becomes necessary he may be obliged to run but he said that he had had seven troublesome years. Mr Sabath is convinced President Truman has not made a final decision yet. — United Press.

## Drove Mile With Knife In His Head

Waterloo, Iowa, Feb. 12. — A 20-year-old man, stabbed in a fight with a woman, drove a mile and a half to hospital with a five-inch knife sticking in his forehead, doctors said today. Attendants at St Francis Hospital said that George Dunkley, a Negro, will apparently recover from the deep knife wound in his head. Dunkley, the Police said, was stabbed on Sunday night during a fight with Mrs Erlene Curtis who has been charged with assault with intent to commit a great bodily injury. Doctors said that Dunkley remained conscious while they removed the knife, but the case was "very unusual." — United Press.

## QUASHING OF ACQUITTAL

Karlsruhe, Feb. 12. — The West German Supreme Court today quashed the acquittal of Walter Keppenne, a former SS (Nazi Blackshirt) General, on charges of having aided and abetted the execution of Admiral Canaris, the German Secret Service chief, during the war. Keppenne, then 44, was acquitted on these charges in February last year by a Munich Court but was sentenced to three and a half years' hard labour on charges of mistreating and wounding SS prisoners. The Prosecution appealed against the acquittal. Canaris was executed for his part in the abortive officers' plot against Hitler's life in July, 1944. — Reuter.

Owing to the shortage of maintenance men for the permanent ways, Italian workers are being admitted to Britain where they will start as plate-layers. Here are three of a party of 55 who left Euston Station, London, recently for Manchester where they will work. — Express Service.

## SEIZURE OF TRAWLERS PROTESTED

Tokyo, Feb. 12. — The Supreme Command of Allied Powers in Japan today protested against Russian seizure of Japanese boats off Hokkaido. The Allied headquarters here said that a note presented to the Soviet representative on the Allied Council recalled that SCAP represented the executive power of the Allies and that the measures taken by the Soviets with regard to Japanese boats were contrary to international law.

The note demanded that the Soviet representative inform his Government of the importance SCAP attached to the matter and asked that instructions be given promptly to put an end to seizure and to release the boats and crews which were being held "illegally" by the Soviets.

SCAP said, in its note, that since the beginning of the Occupation 178 Japanese boats had been seized within and beyond the limits authorised by SCAP.

A total of 114 boats had been released, 20 confiscated and 33 had disappeared.

The note added that one boat escaped and another sank after having been seized. A total of 13 boats were said to have been reported missing but there was no proof that they had been seized.

SCAP recalled that several previous communications had been sent on the matter without producing any results. — France-Press.

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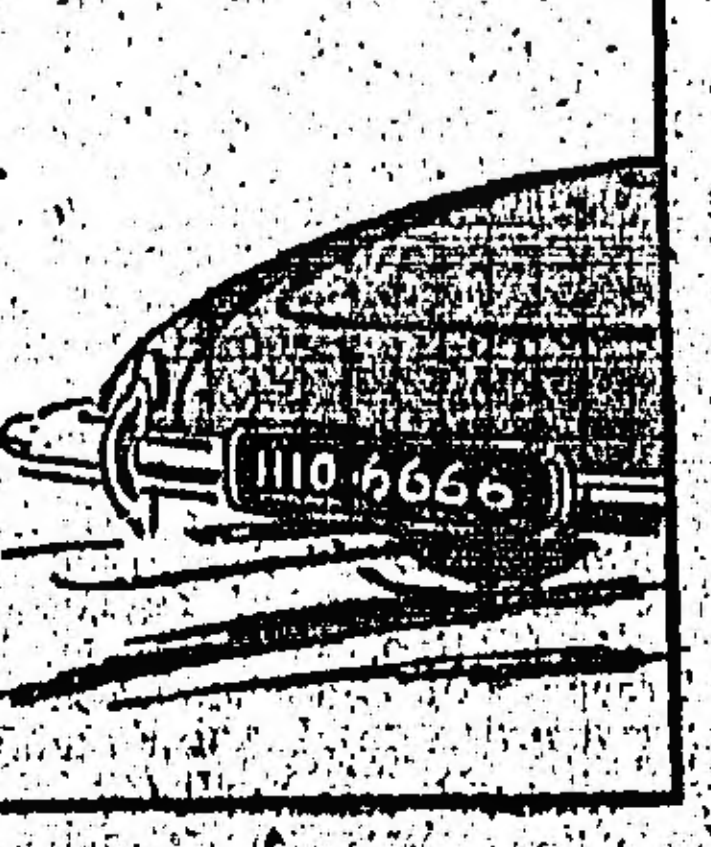
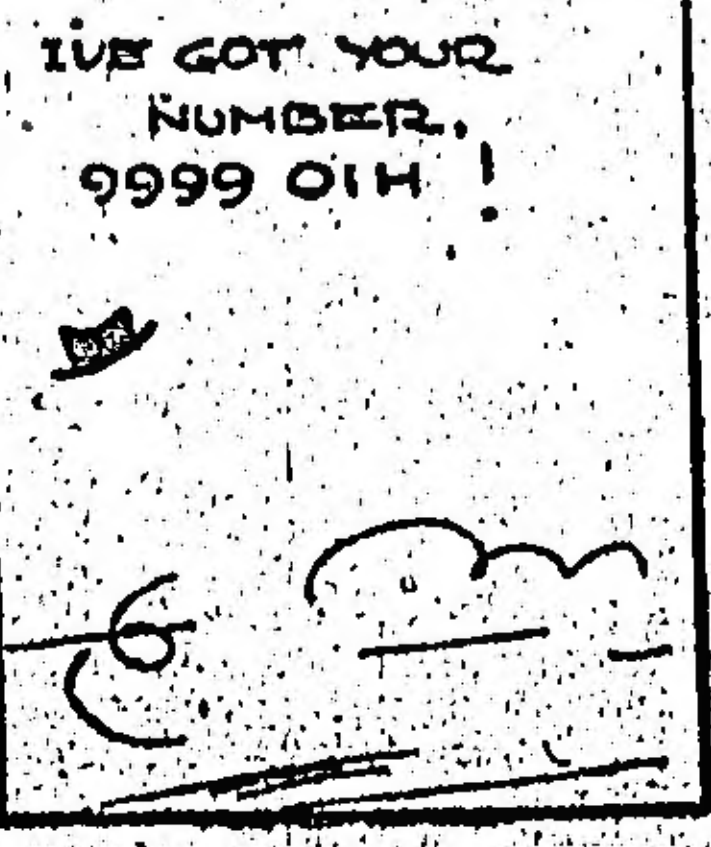
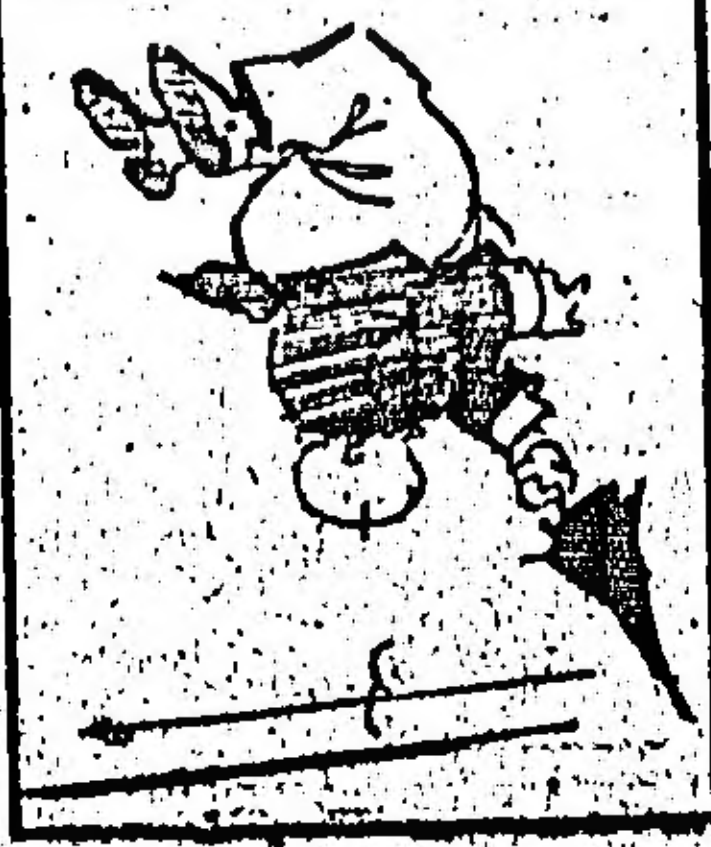
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Mayor Vincent Impellitteri of New York (left) begins a drive for a million lbs of clothes for Korean war victims by giving a token bundle to a young representative of the Korean people, Grover Whalen (right), chairman of the drive, assists.—Express Service.

Plaintiff's  
Story In  
Libel Suit

Paris, Feb. 12. The ex-Bulgarian Communist leader, Georgi Dimitrov, the principal plaintiff in a libel suit, today revealed in Court that before fleeing from Bulgaria to the United States the Soviet Government had invited him and his family to the Crimea for medical treatment.

"Perhaps I would be dead by now if I had accepted," he declared.

M. Dimitrov also claimed today that he went to Jerusalem, Cairo and other Middle East cities after the war with a British passport under the name of John Martin.

"I have used many other false identities and I cannot remember the details," he said.

The suit is against Renaud de Jouvenel, author of "Internationale des Traites" (Treason International), and Andre Wurmser, who wrote the preface.

The book accused Dimitrov and other Balkan leaders of treason to their countries.—Reuter.

Washington, Feb. 12. Carlos P. Romulo will present his credentials as Philippine Ambassador to the United States at the White House on Friday.—Associated Press.

## DEAN ACHESON'S VITAL MISSION

European Army Differences  
Urgent Need For Solution  
Of Thorny Problems

Washington, Feb. 12.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, is leaving Washington tonight on a diplomatic voyage which promises to be heavy with consequences for internal American politics as well as for international relations and collective security.

The hours preceding Mr Acheson's departure were marked by close attention to the French parliamentary debate on the European army.

American officials were anxious to refrain from any comment on the debate, but it was clear that an essential part of the American foreign policy was at stake in the French National Assembly.

During the past week a dilemma has been created in the Congress: Should the Europeans be told that the Congress would refuse to vote this year the funds necessary for economic and military aid if the European army did not make any concrete progress in the weeks to come? Or should no communication of this nature be sent, thus incurring the risk of a total collapse of a common policy?

In the first place the U.S. would be playing the thankless role of a great power intervening in the internal affairs of an Allied country. In the second case the risk would be of falling in the duty of loyalty.

American officials chose a compromise solution. They neither stated nor published anything officially and restricted themselves to giving some hints to certain journalists and diplomats.

But the picture was clear. If the Lisbon conference did not arrive at concrete results with respect to a European army, if the solutions or proposals for the thorniest problems of the hour (the Saar and relations between Bonn and the Atlantic Pact countries) serious danger would confront the whole American foreign policy.

It was necessary to tackle the problem again from the bottom up, thus greatly strengthening the counter-attacks of the Republican Party which had already embarked vigorously on its campaign for the November presidential elections.

## NO DECISION

A State Department spokesman said that no decision had been taken on the question of whether to invite the West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, to meet the American, British and French Foreign Ministers in London.

The three Western officials will hold talks in London from Feb. 16 to 18 on the eve of the Lisbon Atlantic Pact conference.

In answer to reporters' questions, the State Department spokesman said the Foreign Ministry would decide on the advisability of conferring with Dr Adenauer only at the end of their own talks.

He added that Mr Acheson had no plans to meet separately with the West German Chancellor. Mr Acheson will preside in London on Feb. 14 at a conference of American diplomats and high officials.

Mr David Bruce, United States Ambassador in Paris, just appointed Under-Secretary of State, Mr John McCloy, United States High Commissioner in Germany, and Mr William Draper, European Director of the Mutual Security Administration, will be among the officials attending the conference.

The purpose of the conference — to be held on the eve of the London three-Power talks and the Lisbon NATO conference — will be to help Mr Acheson gather the latest information concerning problems connected with European armament.

Among the problems to be examined will be that of the status of the Saar and that of future relations between Western Germany and NATO.—France-Press.

## PARIS RESOLUTION

Paris, Feb. 12.

The parliamentary group of the Socialist Party tonight drew up a resolution urging the Government to refrain from taking any decision on implementation of West German rearmament until June 1, the date on which the United Nations' Disarmament Commission is expected to make its first report on the progress of its deliberations.

The Socialist group plans to submit the resolution to the National Assembly at the end of the current debate on the European army.

The resolution was said also to ask the Government to make a new appeal to Great Britain to participate in the European defense effort.

It was indicated that the text of the resolution was for posterity.

## BONN DECISION

Bonn, Feb. 12.

The Federal Government has decided to adhere to the figure of 8,000,000 Deutsch marks for the total West German financial contribution to European defense, a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance said after a Cabinet meeting today.

The spokesman added that this figure would include 6,800,000,000 marks for Occupation costs.

The Finance Ministry spokesman said the burden on the

Portugal's Plea  
For Spain

Lisbon, Feb. 12.

Portugal's plea, presented with senior military leaders of Britain, France and Canada to link Spain with the North Atlantic defense structure.

Informal sources said the informal request was put forward at a secret meeting this afternoon shortly after NATO's full military committee had adjourned until Monday for King George's funeral.—Associated Press.

Stare (Lisbon) governments would be considerably heavier than at present.

He added that if the defence contribution were fixed at a figure higher than that desired by the Federal Government, it would not be possible to meet this contribution by increased taxes in Western Germany.

A delegation of ministers of the Bonn Government has visited this month in Paris with the Atlantic Pact Committee of "Wise Men", which is now working out recommendations for the German financial contribution to the European defence.—France-Press.

## ITALIAN ROLE

Rome, Feb. 12.

The Italian Defence Minister, Signor Rinaldo Ossola, announced tonight that Italy will by the end of this month have placed four infantry divisions and three specialized brigades at the disposal of General Dwight Eisenhower's Atlantic Army in Europe.

Signor Ossola, who made this statement to the Italian news agency, Ansa, added that three divisions and three separate brigades were transferred to General Eisenhower's forces last year.

The fourth infantry division will be transferred within the next few days.

Italy has promised to contribute 12 fully equipped divisions to the European Army within the framework of the Atlantic Pact. The speed at which the remaining divisions will be completed is expected to be decided at next week's Lisbon meeting of the Atlantic Council.

## NO MIRACLES

In Washington, an official cautioned that Italy should not be expected to increase sharply her rearmament programme because the peace treaty which limited Italy's armed forces was not void.

Italy would do her full share as a partner of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization now that she was unimpeded by other international restrictions, but no miracles could be expected.

The official, who asked that his name remain undisclosed, is closely linked to top diplomatic and military quarters. Declaring that Italy's denunciation of her obligations to Russia under the peace treaty would have more political than practical effects, he pointed out that to date Italy had still not exceeded the armament limitations envisaged in the treaty.

The Western Allies released Italy from the treaty's restrictive provisions last year, inviting the country to become an "active and equal member" of the democratic and freedom-loving family of nations.

The treaty provided for a maximum of 250,000 men for Italy's armed forces. By last year the figure stood at about 310,000 and well-informed quarters did not expect this figure to be increased substantially.

## CAUTION NEEDED

The official remarked that in line with recommendations made recently by the "wise men" of the NATO Council in Paris, allocations for rearmament purposes in the new Italian budget were less than 10 per cent over last year's appropriation.

This is the smallest increase of military allocations in the last three years.

The new budget for the fiscal year beginning June provides about US\$973,000,000 for armament expenditures. Last year's appropriation was \$915,000,000. It represents an increase of more than 50 per cent over the previous year's \$600,000,000 and 6.3 per cent of the gross national income.

"We are wholeheartedly in favour of a European Army but, as the 'Wise Men' have already pointed out, we must be careful not to expand armaments production to the detriment of our economy," said the official.

Italy had the third largest military force of NATO's European partners. Britain is first and France second.—Reuter and United Press.

Atomic  
Scientists  
Disagree

Geneva, Feb. 12.

Nobel Prize winner Professor Niels Bohr proposed tonight that European scientists should meet in Copenhagen in the late Spring to make a new start on efforts to promote the co-ordination of atomic research in Europe.

The proposal was made as a serious rift developed among European countries on the first day of a conference called to set up a European atomic research centre with headquarters in Geneva.

Delegates from 12 European countries attended the opening, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), as a sequel to a preparatory meeting held in Paris last December.

The major object of the conference was to draw up and find an agreement for the establishment of a "European nuclear research centre".

The Danish delegation immediately submitted an amendment to change the word "centre" to co-operation and thus, in effect, to postpone the establishment of a research centre.

## BRITISH SUPPORT

The Danish proposal was warmly supported by Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Western Germany. The delegations of France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy urged the maintenance of the original plan and charged Denmark and her supporters with failing to stand by agreements achieved at the Paris meeting.

A sub-committee is to consider the Danish amendment on Wednesday, but it seemed likely that the plans for the immediate establishment of a research centre would be, at least, considerably delayed. The centre was to have provided a focal point for European atomic research, and to have given young European scientists research and study opportunities which at present are available only in the United States.—Associated Press.

## Diplomat Resigns

Karachi, Feb. 12.

Pakistan's High Commissioner in Australia, Yusuf Haroon, has resigned for personal reasons and will return to Karachi in March. His successor has not yet been selected.—Associated Press.

## Drilling For Oil In Jutland

Peer Collapses  
On Station

London, Feb. 12.

Baron Braye, 77-year-old head of one of Britain's oldest Catholic families, collapsed and died on a station near his Rugby home today while travelling to London for King George's funeral.

Lord Braye was the sixth Baron. Fifty years ago his father shocked London by going to a Buckingham Palace Ball in a new-fangled motor car.—Associated Press.

Taking samples of oil during drilling at Toudor, South Jutland, where after several years of drilling for oil in Denmark, at a total cost of US\$50 million, an American company has at last made a big oil find at a depth of 3,200 metres.—Express Service.

## Japanese Sees Pope

Vatican City, Feb. 12.

Pope Pius XII today received a Japanese priest, Louis Akiba Ogiwara, administrator of the Apostolic Vicariate of Hiroshima.—France-Press.

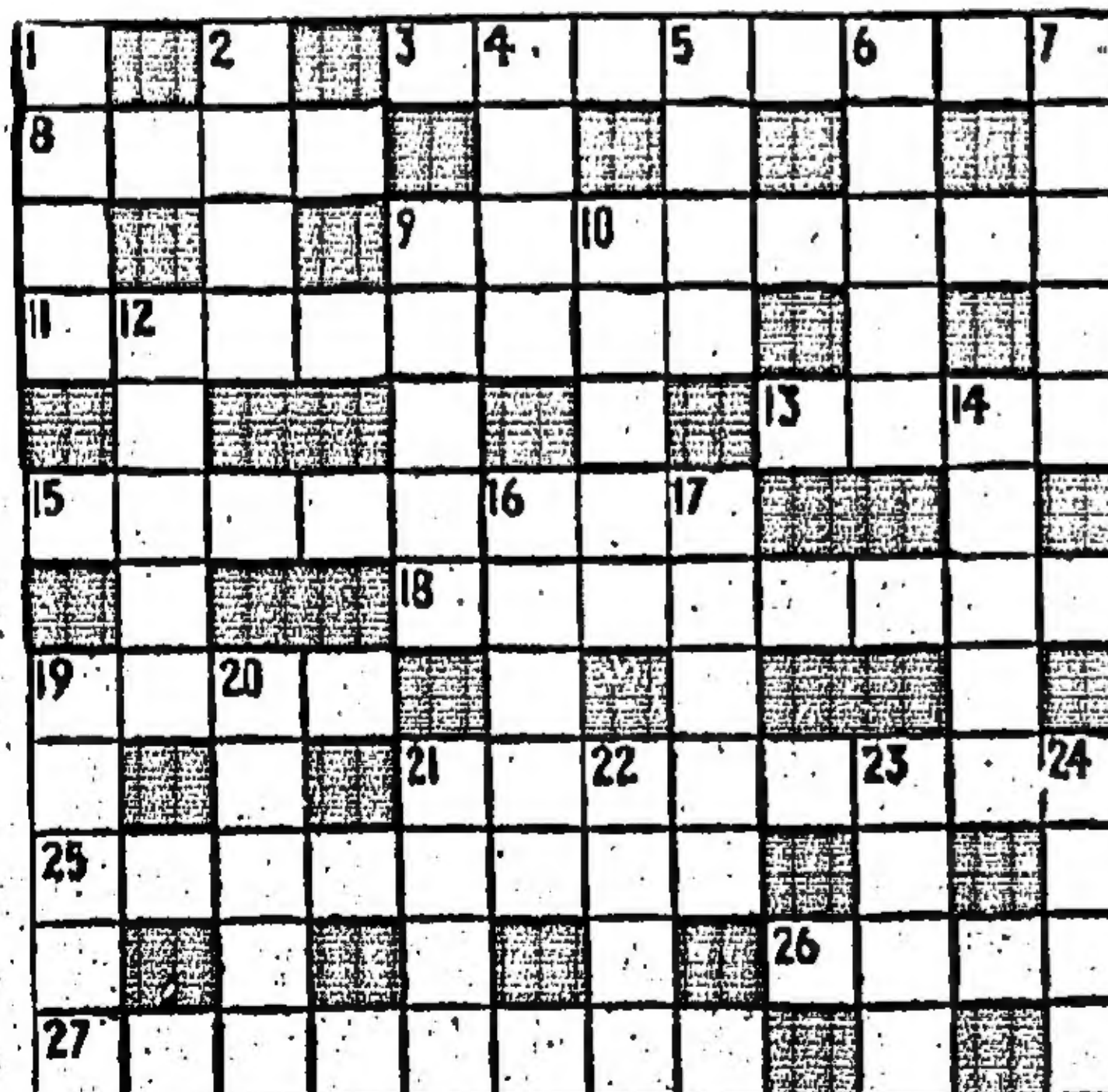
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## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 3 High (8).
- 8 Bucket (4).
- 9 Applicable (8).
- 11 Set free (8).
- 13 Challenge (4).
- 15 Lord (8).
- 16 Liberator (8).
- 19 Limbo (4).
- 21 Wore away (8).
- 25 Keep on (8).
- 26 Vendetta (4).
- 27 Scatter (8).

## DOWN

- 1 Goad (4).
- 2 Indicator (4).
- 4 Dregs (4).
- 6 Competed with (4).
- 8 Vestige (5).
- 7 Song (5).
- 9 Moved at full speed (8).
- 10 Lawful (6).
- 12 Run off (5).
- 14 Compel (5).
- 15 Fruit (5).
- 17 Chemical (5).
- 18 Clear (5).
- 20 Bands (5).
- 22 Quota (4).
- 23 Regrets (4).
- 24 Document (4).
- 25 Extinct bird (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Summer, 4 Vells, 7 Improves, 8 Sepal, 9 Sotter, 11 Selects, 13 Serpiped, 15 Unused, 16 Amies, 19 Tractors, 20 Drenar, 21 Errand, 22 Down, 1 Spies, 2 Mott, 3 Reverses, 4 Vassal, 5 Inspects, 6 Scolds, 10 Terrible, 12 Educate, 13 Scared, 14 Poster, 16 Uller, 17 Dosed.

Edgar Faure  
Runs  
Into Trouble

Paris, Feb. 12.

The French Premier, Edgar Faure, was almost thrown out of his job tonight by the refusal of the National Assembly to work over the week-end.

The trouble was smoothed over finally and M. Faure remained Prime Minister. Instead of visiting their constituencies, Deputies will now spend Saturday and Sunday discussing the details of his new tax bill.

The storm came up suddenly. The Assembly was in the midst of a long, not very well attended debate on the European Army. A vote was due on Wednesday and it was expected that despite party dickering M. Faure and the Foreign Minister, Georges Schuman, would get their majority.

The debate was interrupted by a question of procedure. In accordance with custom, party leaders had fixed a programme of debate and the Assembly was called on to approve it.

M. Faure put his foot down. He said it was essential that the Assembly hold its debate on the tax bill on Saturday and Sunday to get a decisive vote before the Lisbon conference.

The bill, calling for heavy additional levies, is highly controversial, and there is a danger that M. Faure may be defeated during the debate and leave France without an effective government during the Lisbon conference, due to start on Feb. 20.

Apparently annoyed by his show of intransigence, the Assembly promptly voted him down.—Associated Press.



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**SEFTON DELMER** now looks eight or ten years ahead—to assess the dangers that may follow some of the sweeping decisions Britain is taking or is on the brink of taking in foreign affairs**MISTAKES OF TODAY****E**VER since Stalin launched his first attacks on the West after the war I have been watching the conduct of our defence.

Have we learned from our wartime errors? Or are we making the same mistakes again?

In my view, we are making the same mistakes. And for the same general reasons. These are:—

(a) AMERICAN suspicion of British Imperialism. The same old fear of "spending American lives and American dollars to pull British chestnuts out of the fire" is at work again today.

During the war it caused Americans to suspect Churchill's plans for a Mediterranean attack on Nazi Germany's Balkan under-belly. Today it inspires American fear of becoming involved in our Persian quarrel.

(b) THE TENDENCY of the Western planners to rush forward blindly to smash the immediate danger, only to find that in doing so they have created another.

Take for instance the rearmament of Germany.

**1. ARMS FOR THE GERMANS****NOTHING** I fear, will stop this now from becoming an accomplished fact. The Atlantic Council is meeting at Lisbon within a week.

Everything is set for it to invite Germany to contribute a West German contingent to the West European Defence Force.

In Germany politicians and generals have been working out the details—even to the point that the goose-step is to be verboten.

On the face of it the creation of a German Army certainly seems one logical way to meet Europe's shortage of soldiers and redress the balance of power destroyed by the elimination of Germany in 1945. But I believe that this is a move we may be looking back on with regret by 1960.

The fighting value of a German Army recruited in the moral climate of Germany as it is today will be much lower than that of German armies in the two world wars. It may well prove to be a liability rather than an asset.

**'Without us'****ON** each of my recent visits to Germany I have founded out both young Germans and ex-soldiers on how they feel about joining up in a European defence force.

"Ohne uns," they said. "Without us!"

The average West German fears and hates the Russians. But he decides and despises our political switch to remilitarisation from the "re-education" law, which made criminals and outlaws of all German professional officers and N.C.O.s.

The German dread is that in the event of war West Germany will become a battlefield, a new Korea to be "Morgenthaued" into non-existence as armies of liberators from East and West successfully roll over it.

**Blackmail****I**F Stalin permits the creation of a new German Army to go unchallenged, then even the most careful screening of the officers and men recruited to it cannot prevent one inevitable consequence.

The mere process of rearmament must once more call to the forefront in Germany those same elements whose ambition and ruthlessness have twice plunged Britain into the ruinous waste of war.

Their guiding motive will be the recovery for Germany not only of its former unity but the restoration to Germany of the frontiers Hitler won at Munich in 1938.

As their strength grows these Germans will seek to blackmail the Americans, the French and ourselves into support of their cause.

A Morgenthau, Roosevelt's Treasury man, advocated turning the Ruhr into a potato field.

**WE'LL MOST REGRET BY 1960**

But you may be sure that if ever it should suit their book—or the rule in power should think it does—the Germans will sell out the West without a qualm.

By 1960 (assuming that no war breaks out in the meantime) rearmament Germany will have become a new anxiety for the West.

And—just to keep us all feeling cheerful—let me add rearmament Japan may easily become another.

How dangerous continued American suspicion of British motives can be is demonstrated by my second choice for a blunder that will make us blush in 1960. This is:—

**2. DOLLARS FOR THE OIL GRABBERS****PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S** ill-considered decision to grant a \$20,000,000 dollar (\$2,214,285) subsidy to Persian oil thief Mossadegh.

The subsidy has been granted because American diplomats reported that Persia was about to go bankrupt for lack of the revenues it used to draw from the British oil company. If it did so, they warned, it would at the same time go Communist.

So it was decided to keep the wolf from the old robbers' door with dribbles of dollar aid. This is a disastrous plan. And a most disappointing one. For it proves that although the State Department has wisely rejected its unwise ambassador Henry Grady from Teheran, it has not yet understood the reasons for his failure there.

When I was in Teheran Mr Grady talked to me and other reporters quite freely of his interviews with Dr. Mossadegh. He described what he called the Persian Premier's "utter unreasonableness and muddle-headed intransigence." And then he added for publication—"My advice to the British Ambassador is that Britain should sweeten the doctor with some concessions. Let him have some of the withheld royalties. That will make him friendlier."

**AIR BEEF—HEARTENING ENTERPRISE STORY**

By DONALD MCCORMICK

**I**N a world which seems threatened with a meat shortage for some years to come, here is the heartening story of an Australian venture to win more beef from the arid plains of its North-West territories.

Since the war Australia has tried—often against great odds—to win more joints and juicy steaks from the desolate outback, the vast "black heart" of this dominion.

It is a romantic story in many ways. Pioneers have gone into the interior on camels prospecting for new beef lands. Farmers have fought against bush fires, drought and lack of communications.

Scientists have tried rain-making experiments. Families have left their comfortable homes in provincial towns to start life afresh, producing more meat in country as desolate as any in the Gobi Desert.

But for a long period lack of communications seemed to make this dream of a great meat-producing country a will of the wind. A far greater number of cattle died than could be marketed simply and safely because transport facilities were not good enough.

The answer to this problem had come because Australia has become air-minded. In three years Australian National Airways has overcome the problem of cattle dying before they could be marketed. During this year they have flown to the coast 4,000 carcasses, of which only 3,000 head could have been marketed under the old method.

The nature of this Northern cattle territory makes it physically impossible for the great majority of cattle to be driven long distances overland.

Yet until the "Air Beef" project was launched three years ago cattle ready for market had to be driven hundreds of miles from the breeding grounds to the slaughterhouses. Few survived.

Now cattle are slaughtered on the breeding grounds and loaded into aircraft. In a few hours they are in refrigerated trucks at the coastal ports.

Air Beef flew abattoirs in sections to the interior. They followed up by flying sectional living quarters for the workers. New towns sprang up in this hitherto unloved outback.

"Early on we were criticised on the grounds that the Air Beef project was too costly," an official of the company told me.

"Well, we had our answer to that one. The old stock routes over which the cattle were driven had few watering places. That meant you had to drive them 15 miles a day, instead of the eight they can normally be expected to do. It was either that, or they died for lack of water."

Driving cattle over these routes meant that they lost 100 lb. each en route. They arrived in notoriously bad condition, or died on the way. And in an average season not more than 25 percent of the beef was passed as first class.

While the Air Beef scheme is saving much beef that would otherwise be lost and convincing more farmers of the scope for increased meat production, Australia is proving herself to be the world's No. 1 go-getting nation by doing everything possible by air.

One of the most recent ideas is a flying fire brigade to combat bush fires. Here are some other ways in which Australia is applying her air-mindedness.

Georgetown, in North Queensland, is a remote little township. The last dentist left Georgetown in 1947. There had to be an answer to this gap in the town's social services, and the solution has been the flying dentist.

Georgetown is now the flying dentist's regular stop on a "practice" regularly stop on a the whole of the British Isles. Summoned by pedal-operated radio, he flies to the outlying towns and villages, sets up his chair and gets to work.

Now other doctors and dentists are setting up flying services.

**Dr. ADENAUER GOES UP TO THE LUMBER-ROOM**

London Express Service

**Sitting on the Fence..... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS****"T**oo oo's muzzer's preciousness And does oo's muzzer love oo best?

And who's got two big boo, boo eyes That ought to go to sleepy byes?

And who's got ten pink twiddle toes And a tiny teeny, weeny nose,

And who's oo's muzzer's popsy-wops, Oo's muzzer's booful wopsy-pops?"

Child, don't be unduly vain If mother bumbles in this strain;

Although her praises may sound fine, Her admiration's endocrine. In other words, you understand,

Her love depends upon, a gland Which, if removed by surgeon's knife, Would make her hate you all her life; For then at last your dear mamma

Would see you as you really are... Not "popsy-wops" or "muzzer's boy." But just an ugly little boy.

reach the door his mocking voice would call out: "Brussels sprouts were always soggy in Pop's stew. There's at Elton, in case you don't know."

**Morse code for motorists**  
The Czechoslovakian genius who has invented a "Morse" Code for motorists, to be transmitted from the horn, has done much towards the enjoyment of the open road.**Among his first simple cyphers, I understand, are:—****TWO SHORT TOOTS....** "I want to pass you on your right."**TWO SHORT TOOTS AND ONE LONG ONE....** "You—well won't."**TWO LONG TOOTS....** "Then I shall pass you on your left."**THREE LONG TOOTS....** "I hope you break your neck."**FOUR SHORT TOOTS....** "Your mother was never married."**FOUR SHORT TOOTS AND A TWIDDLE....** "Neither was yours."**SIX LONG TOOTS AND A BLAST....** "Tappets to you."**SIX LONG BLASTS....** "The same to you with valves on."**Education**  
**I** SEE that an ex-public schoolboy, who has applied for several jobs as a cook-general, is still unemployed because "his education and breeding frightened housewives."

My sympathy goes out to the simple British housewives, for I am rather in awe of education and breeding myself, especially when, in these topsy-turvy times, you find them in the kitchen.

I cannot imagine anything much more embarrassing than being obliged to interview an old Etonian cook because the bacon is burnt or the Brussels sprouts are soggy.

"Er... Caretairs," I would begin. "Er..."

"N o t h i n g w r o n g, s i r," he would ask in his crisp, clipped English, an amused and faintly insolent smile curling the corners of his aristocratic mouth.

"Brussels sprouts, a bit soggy today," I would blurt out. "Not playing the game, you know, Caretairs."

Then I would try to get out of the kitchen as quickly as possible, but before I could

**Lucky cows****A**CCORDING to a newspaper, Dutch cows have a marvellous time. They eat the best food and wear overcoats when the wind is cold.

Their sheds are heated in winter, lighted by electricity, and often decorated with lace curtains.

This, I am told, often causes confusion among short-sighted Dutch farmers, who have been known to lock their wives in the cowshed and buy their cows new spring hats.

(London Express Service)











# NORMAN LO RUNS "QUARTER" IN 53 SECONDS

By "RECORDER"

Norman Lo of Morrison Hall ran the 440 Yards in 53 seconds at Pokfulam yesterday for a new University and unofficial Colony record. He outran the second man in a heat of the Annual University Championships by 75 yards and was timed by three time-keepers.

All three time-keepers were from the University's Faculty of Science, enquiries at Morrison Hall revealed, and the stop-watches had been checked previous to use by the Colony's leading firm.

However, recognition will depend upon whether the Hongkong Track and Field Association is satisfied that the lane in which Norman Lo ran was measured and found not to be short (even by a quarter of an inch) within the same afternoon.

**TWO MORE CHANCES**  
The new unofficial Colony record-holder will have two further chances within the fortnight to claim the record, however, at the Boundary Street meeting this Sunday and at the University Championship final at Pokfulam on Saturday, February 23.

The semi-official Colony record for the 440 Yards (there is still some argument as to whether the HKATFA should recognise it) is the 53.2 seconds by Tpr. T. E. Williams at the Army Championships last year. Unofficially, it is claimed that G. A. Hyder ran the 440 Yards in 52 seconds, sometime in the early 1920s.

Ng Yuen-fok ran the 400 Metres in 52.4 seconds at Caro-

line Hill in 1949, a performance equivalent to 440 Yards in 52.7 seconds.

He may be Norman Lo's principal opponent at Boundary Street, though it is not certain that he will run this early in the season.

In the Colony Championships in April, Yuen-fok has set himself marks of 51 seconds for 400 metres and 1 minute 59 seconds for 800 metres to him for.

If Yuen-fok will not run on Sunday, Norman Lo's principal opponent will be T. E. Williams, who ran 400 Metres in 53.3 seconds in January and appears to be in better form than he was at the last Colony Championships.

Another opponent not to be underrated is the Inter-Schools Champion, Lo Wing-chuen of La Salle College, who has touched 54 seconds on a number of occasions and hopes finally to get under it after having developed stamina over the 800 metres.

University claim that they have the greatest One Mile Relay team in the Colony's history this year and are anxious to prove it.

## ANOTHER ATTEMPT

At Pokfulam, this afternoon, Wong Tapp's record (1923 vintage) of 54.2 seconds in the Quarter, hopes also to lower Wong Tapp's record of 23.6 seconds for 220 Yards set the same year.

The University Championships, which have been in the doldrums since the war as far as record-breaking is concerned, have come to life again as Gerhard Wagner, also of La Salle, managed to beat the late D.S. Blake's record, set in 1935, of 39 minutes 33.9 seconds for 10,000 Metres with a 39:00.1 performance. As far as is known, this is also a Colony record.

## BILLIARDS

### J. E. MEDINA UPHOLDS HIS REPUTATION

Former Shanghai Billiards Champion J. E. Medina upheld his reputation when he defeated Rereolo's champion cuist, "Spotty" Pereira in the opening match of the Colony Championships yesterday.

Fully extended up to the first hundred, Medina got into his stride from then onwards with accurate classical swing shots into the end pockets and in-offs to the middle pockets.

Pereira was evidently out of practice, missing easy shots, but showed brilliant potting while placed in some awkward positions.

#### BREAK OF 60

Good initial breaks of 24 and 49 enabled Pereira to take a 115-100 lead. Medina came back with a break of 60, the highest for the evening, and consistently forged ahead with a consistent scoring to win by 501-344.

Pereira's over-twenty breaks were 24, 40, 58 and 22, while Medina had 49, 60, 21, 24, 34, 30, 21, 38 and 38.

The Snooker first round match between the Club Lusitano No. 2 and No. 3 League representatives, A. M. Ozorio and G. J. Soares, turned out to be a marathon duel that went to the full distance of five frames and lasted for two and half hours.

Both played cautiously throughout, with Soares showing better form.

The first frame reached a close finish, Soares winning on the black ball when the score stood at 30-29 in his favour. Breaks of 14 and 23 enabled Ozorio to take the next frame only to see Soares take a commanding lead of 37-1 in the third frame and win it comfortably.

From 8-2, Ozorio raced ahead to 41-2 in the fourth frame with some beautiful cut shots and took the fifth frame. A much fresher Soares, after taking a six and a nine, forged ahead to 25-8 in the final frame. A break of 16 by him put the issue beyond doubt.

The billiards match between the No. 1 seeded player S. P. Pong and Kwok Ying-kee was postponed.

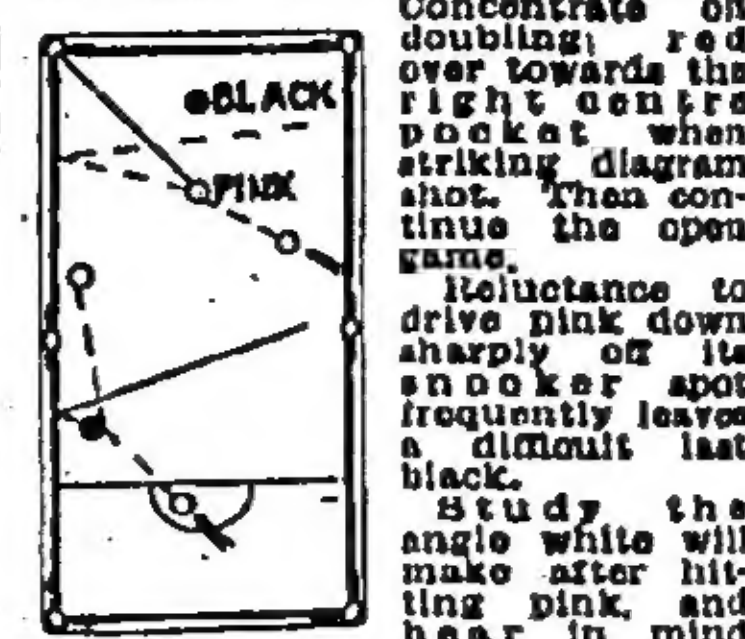
**LAST NIGHT'S SCORES**  
Colony Open Billiards: J. E. Medina beat A. P. Pereira, 500-344.

Colony Open Snooker, G. J. Soares beat A. M. Ozorio, 3-2.

## Arthur Poell says:

THINK ABOUT THESE 'WHAT-NEXT' SHOTS

HALF-BALL cannons from hand ought never to be missed. Concentrate on doubling; red over towards the right; cue ball pocket at striking diagram shot. Then continue the open game.



It is a well-judged stroke which should decide a closely fought game. London Express Service

## OLYMPIC CONGRESS OPENS

Oslo, Feb. 11.

The International Olympic Committee's Congress was opened here this morning by Crown Prince Olaf.

Delegates were to start on the business of the Congress after lunch.

A determined bid by Eastern Germany to obtain recognition of their Olympic Committee was expected to be made.

The rule of the IOC is that only one body can be accepted from any one country and the Western German Committee is already recognised as "Germany".

### ANOTHER QUESTION

But the question arises whether Eastern Germany and Western Germany are not really two separate nations and if there is a case for two German Olympic bodies under what are clearly exceptional circumstances.

Another likely topic was the possibility that Melbourne might not be able to stage the 1956 Games following the resumption of the Melbourne cricket ground as the chief site.

The Crown Prince, dressed in black, and accompanied by his elder daughter, Princess Ragnhild, also in mourning for the late King George VI, opened the Congress in a dignified ceremony lasting an hour.

He welcomed the delegates in a short speech on behalf of his father, King Haakon, who is in England, after speeches had been made by Mr. Arthur Ruud, Chairman of the Norwegian Olympic Committee, Mr. O. Dille, Secretary, Norway's representative on the IOC, the Mayor of Oslo and M. Stifed Edstrom, President of the IOC.

The Crown Prince wished the delegates success in their meetings and said that he hoped that the white Olympic flag would be a symbol of peace.

This was also the theme of a speech by M. Edstrom who said, "My ardent wish is that the prelude to the coming days may be the dawn of a new era of peace. Failing this we shall see the collapse of our civilisation when every trace of it will go to rack and ruin."

The ceremony was concluded with the singing of the Olympic hymn, "Non Nobis Domine."—Reuter.

## Olympic Winter Games Start Tomorrow

Oslo, Feb. 12.

More than 1,000 competitors from 30 nations will bid for 22 gold medals in skiing, skating, bobsled and ice hockey in the Sixth Winter Olympic Games which begin here on Thursday.

It is thought that the competition will actually get under way with bobsled races and women's skiing on Thursday although the Games will not be officially declared open till 10 a.m. on Friday.

In the absence of King Haakon, who will be in London for the funeral of the late King George VI, the opening ceremony will be performed by Princess Ragnhild, the 21-year-old daughter of Crown Prince Olaf.

Norway, the host nation, and her northern neighbour, Finland, are expected to win most of the events between them.—Reuter.

## ★★★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★★★

After 19 Years

# America's Sweetheart Plans A New Film

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Hollywood.

In Beverly Hills, California the afternoon sun warmed the terrace and sparkled on the snow-crested peaks piercing the blue sky, 70 miles distant. Beyond the lawn of velvety green and the emerald-tiled swimming pool, the Pacific ocean gleamed with Catalina Island shimmering like a jewel.

"I am looking forward to doing 'The Librarian' and playing the librarian of a small town who is very important in the life of the townspeople. But—it will depend on how I photograph. I don't want to disappoint the many friends I've made over the years. I haven't made up my mind and I still have a month to think it over."

Speaking quietly and choosing her words carefully, Mary Pickford told me of her plans to return to movies for the first time in 19 years.

We sat on the west terrace of her world-famed home, "Pickfair," a name coined from the first part of her name and the first part of her second husband's, the late Douglas Fairbanks.

Gracious, petite, earnest and assured, the actress who was known as the sweetheart of America, belied her 59 years, looks a very attractive 45. Her last screen appearance was in 1932 when she made a talkie version of the Broadway stage success, "Secrets."

Today Mary Pickford, married to Charles (Buddy) Rogers for the past 15 years, has wide

interests. She is on the board of directors of several charitable organizations, including the Motion Picture Relief Home, where many former silent stars and players live in pleasant retirement.

With Samuel Goldwyn, she owns the Goldwyn-Pickford Studios in Hollywood where Danny Kaye is at present filming "Hans Christian Andersen."

Actually Mary owns 41-80th of the studios and is suing Mr. Goldwyn for 125,000 dollars for not keeping the sound stages and many buildings in proper repair. The former Lady Sylvia Ashley (Mrs. Clark Gable), owned 20-80ths through

her late husband Douglas Fairbanks. Sam Goldwyn bought her out at Mary's insistence.

### A COMPERE

In addition to extensive business properties in Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, Mary Pickford and Buddy Rogers own two television stations in Alabama, and together are reputed to be worth \$12,500,000.

During the past three years, they have lived a great deal in New York where Buddy has been a compere and master of ceremonies on radio and television shows.

Over tea, Mary told me that for the next three weeks Buddy would be at Las Vegas, famed for gambling, divorces, and ultra-expensive hotels, making \$3,000 a week, a master of ceremonies at one of the hostilities.

"We were last in Britain in 1940 and we hope to come over again this summer with the children," she said. "I just look at the children? Roxanne, 10, adopted in 1944, and Ronald, 16, adopted in 1938."

Her hobbies? "I have had to reduce my fondness for jewels during the past 10 years," she answered, smiling. "I love fine crystal, Wedgwood, especially the black and pale blue, Dresden and Chelsea figurines oh, and combs and lozange boxes in silver and enamel. I don't want any more possessions so I just look and enjoy when I stroll down Madison Avenue, New York, or Bond Street in London."

"Pickfair" is famed for its fine 18th Century English and French furniture. The drawing rooms are in perfect taste with every piece chosen by Mary herself and at the right price, as she will tell you. Of Scottish-Irish descent, she is canny and never wastes a penny.

Built on a hilltop almost 900 feet high, the seven-acre estate known as "Pickfair" to millions of people, is the showplace of Beverly Hills. The house is white, three floors, sprawls over two acres of a broad, rounded hill, flanked by wood-ed ravines, with woods of pine and spruce on the hillside.

### QUITE A PLACE

The house has six master bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, a housekeeper's suite with bath, butler's suite with bath, and a five-room flat over the garages for the cook and the first maid. The garages have space for 10 cars, and there is a guest parking area for 80 cars.

Around the swimming pool are four bath-houses, each with a bedroom, shower and bathroom. There is also a fully equipped steamroom or Turkish bath, with a kitchen and refrigerator, just in case guests feel like a snack after a swim, or a sunbath and a steam bath, or a night's sleep, lulled by the ocean breezes sighing through the evergreens and decedars which shade the pool.

Yes, it's quite a place in "Pickfair."

Before the war, I attended many garden parties and dinner dances on the wide terraces given by Mary and Buddy for charities.

They once served 3,200 guests on their lawn with gay little tables, candlelit, set up from the house to the pool. More than 100 turkeys, 200 hams, hundreds of salmon, tea, coffee and punch were consumed, and not a single fight sparked this Hollywood party.

Among their guests—the King and Queen of Siam, the Duke of Kent, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Alba, the Mountbattens, and hundreds of titled visitors who came to Hollywood from 1920 to 1935 when Douglas Fairbanks reigned with Mary as his queen.

There is a tavern on the lower floor, furnished with chairs and spicers and tables which were shipped around the Horn in the days of the gold rush.

Mary is not the athletic type. Buddy, about 11 years younger, plays golf and tennis. A daily habit with Mary is an hour's walk in the grounds, through the copses and glades and ravines, pausing for contemplation by the ferned grottoes. It was after the wreck of her marriage to Douglas Fairbanks that Mary found comfort in religion. A few years later she wrote a book, "Why Not Try God?"

But for the time being, she is not sure that she wants to try a comeback in doing what comes naturally to her—making movies.



Mary Pickford as she was shortly after her retirement from the screen.

## HENRY LONGHURST On Golf

### No Guarantee

Inquiries about the "straight-right-arm-after-impact" theory of the world's champion golfer, Ben Hogan, persuade me to make a rare incursion into the technicalities of the game, if only because Hogan himself is so remarkable a phenomenon.

Already by far the shortest of the leading American professionals, he shrank to something like nine stone after his motor smash, and is now back to about 11.

At Pinehurst, unimpeded by spectators, I watched him closely in a practice round with Burke, Demaret and Snead. Each of these three was driving a colossal ball which, when it should have been descending, would bore onwards through the air, and it seemed impossible that Hogan, a comparatively minnow, could reach them.

### "QUAIL HIGH"

Time and again, however, he lashed the ball along, 30 feet from the ground, or "quail high," as they say in Texas; it ran perhaps 30 yards, where he had stopped dead on the soft fair-ways—and finished five yards past the lot.

After seeing my own puny efforts on the practice ground, he asked why all British players brought the club up so quickly after impact. "When I murmured that, fat and forty, I was 'hardly representative....' etc," he said, "No, no, all your team do it. I have often noticed. Why?"

"We reckon to keep the left arm straight on the way back and the right arm straight on the way through, right to the end," he said. It was here that he performed the unarmoured combat demonstration that nearly tore me in two.

### TO THE FINISH!

"The speed and momentum," says the caption, "have carried me to a full finish." They would carry me to the infirmary.

His personal secret of really long hitting, as against the sizeable driving of all tournament professionals, is this: He digs in with the right foot and then, just before impact, gives a tremendous push off with this foot, which, he says, "helps to speed up the club."

The answer to most of us, of course, is that, having virtuously determined on a nice wide back-swing, we get so far back that the inside of the right foot at all, much less push off with it. For this Hogan, who admits an occasional error in the same direction, gave me a simple cure. You put down three balls under the right edge of your right foot and play practice shots while standing on them.

With the best will in the world I passed this on to a friend. Alas for good intentions! "Your Hogan tip about putting balls under your right foot," he writes, "has already crippled half the members of the North Middlesex Golf Club."

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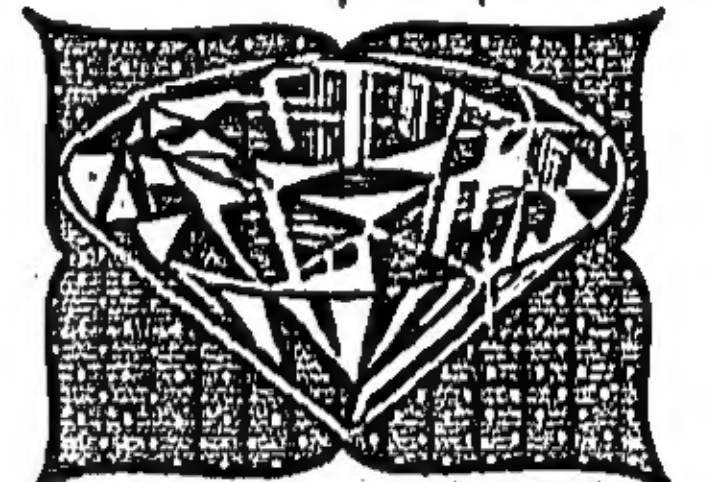
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BRAGA—Mrs Olive Pauline, widow of Jose Pedro Braga, age 53, at 12 Chatham Road, Kowloon, on February 13, 1952. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 1952, for the Colonial Cemetery.

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R. G. COLMAN,  
Hon. Secretary.  
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At 11.30 a.m. of the same day at the same place, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held for the purpose of considering two resolutions fully set out in the Notices convening this Meeting which have been sent to individual shareholders. The first resolution provides for the termination of the Agreement between the Company and Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son and for the compensation of Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son Ltd., the successors in business of the said Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son. The resolution also provides for the offer to members of 50,000 shares in the Company at \$20.00 per share in order to raise part of the compensation payable to the said General Managers in consequence of the termination of the said Agreement. In the event of this resolution being carried, a further resolution will be proposed as a special resolution. This provides for consequential amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company arising from the termination of the Agreement with the General Managers and for the transfer of the powers formerly exercised by the General Managers to the Board of Directors of the Company. Any shareholder who has not received the Notice setting out these resolutions in full and the accompanying Statement from the Chairman of the Board of Directors may obtain copies on application to the Secretary of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 11th February, 1952, to Friday, 22nd February, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

WM. PATERSON.

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st February, 1952.

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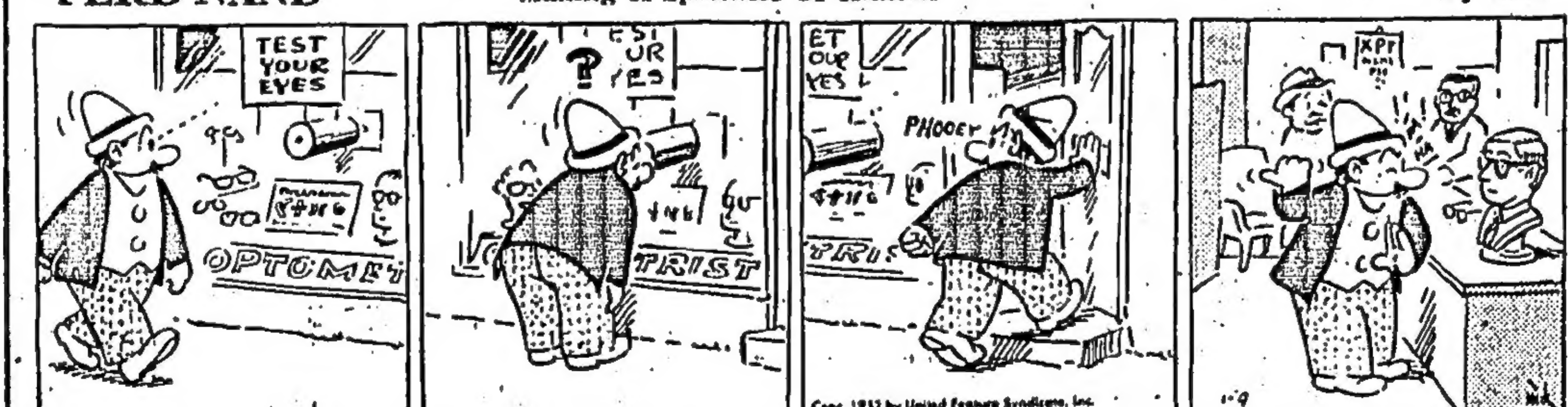
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Macao, 12.30 p.m. 6 p.m. via s/s Tak Shing/Fa Shan.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

By Air  
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m. via B.O.A.C.  
Indo-China, 5 p.m. via Air Vietnam.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m. via C.P.A.  
By Surface  
Macao, 12.30 p.m. 6 p.m. via s/s Tak Shing/Fa Shan.

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Formosa, 5 a.m. via s/s Poyang.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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Siam, 5 p.m. via P.O.A.C.

By Surface  
Macao, 12.30 p.m. 6 p.m. via s/s Tak Shing/Fa Shan.  
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Korea, 10 a.m. via s/s Lauro.  
Philippines, 9 a.m. via s/s Tiliwah.  
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By Air  
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, (via Bangkok), Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m. via B.O.A.C.  
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"MORTAIN"	Mar. 17	Mar. 18	N. Africa & Europe
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## EMBARKATION:

Will take place on Friday the 15th February between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

## Havenga Scheme To Aid Britain

Johannesburg, Feb. 12.

It seems that South Africa's Finance Minister, Nicolas Havenga, started something when in Parliament he suggested that part of South Africa's £67,600,000 gold reserves be made available to Britain, and hinted at the imposition of a purchase tax.

The strident Strydom Republicans—Nationalists led by the Lands Minister, Johannes Strydom—see no virtue in helping Britain and want South Africa to cut away from Sterling.

## EFFORT TO ATTRACT CAPITAL

Tokyo, Feb. 12.

Plans are under way to change the Japanese law so foreign investors will be encouraged to bring capital into Japan, the Finance Minister, Hayato Ikeda, said today.

"The Japanese Government is at present making a study of amendments to the foreign investment law for submission to the current session of the National Diet," Mr. Ikeda said.

Mr. Ikeda addressed about 500 American and Japanese businessmen attending a joint meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the Federation of Economic Organisations.

Mr. Ikeda said one amendment under consideration was to allow investors to withdraw their capital principal after a period of about three years.

The Japanese Government, he said, had allocated \$20,000,000 for the importation of foreign-made daily necessities.

This allocation for items for foreign nationals will be scaled down because Japanese products may be gradually substituted to some extent.

It has been the consensus of the small specialty shop owners in Tokyo that about \$25,000,000 a year was needed for foreign national consumers. Associated Press.

# MAJOR TRADE DRIVE BY WESTERN GERMANY

## Japanese Textile Prices

### AT LOWEST IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Feb. 12.

The prices of Japanese textiles have reached their lowest level in the Singapore market and Japan cannot sell cheaper, said Mr. Keigo Yamada, a Japanese trade representative here on a brief visit.

Mr. Yamada is chief of the cotton textiles finished goods section attached to the Kanagawa Spinning Company, Osaka, one of the biggest textile firms in Japan.

He has made a two-month tour of Indonesia and will leave Singapore for Ceylon today.

He will also visit India, Pakistan, Burma, Bangkok and Hongkong to complete his survey of the Japanese textile market in South-East Asia.

Mr. Yamada believes that one of the main reasons for the textile slump in Singapore, caused by inexperienced speculators who thought that they could make a huge profit by stockpiling.

Japan cannot reduce further the price of her textiles, he said, because the price of American cotton has gone up.—Reuter.

## THAI CONTRACT

Tokyo, Feb. 12.

Japanese manufacturers of railroad equipment expect to get a \$2,800,000 contract from Thailand, the newspaper Nihon Keizai reported today from Osaka.

The newspaper said financial terms are being negotiated.

Nihon Keizai said various bidders in Bangkok last January on construction of 100 passenger coaches. Thai authorities liked the Japanese offer and came to Japan to seek further modification of terms.

A Japanese official was quoted as saying, "We feel confident of getting the contract." Associated Press.

## Granting Of Credits To Franco Regime

Washington, Feb. 12.

Mr. Herbert Gaston, President of the Export-Import Bank, referred briefly to the Bank's activities regarding Spain before the House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Gaston told the Committee that two bank officials were recently working in co-operation with the Mutual Security Agency mission regarding credit already made or contemplated for which the Bank acts as agent.

During the calendar year 1951 the Bank had made loans totaling \$122,000,000 to four countries—Spain, Japan, West Germany and Colombia—to buy United States cotton.

Sub-Committee members asked Mr. Gaston about the loan to Spain and Mr. Gaston replied that loan was an Economic Co-operation Administration loan, and it was made as a result of Congressional enactment. We have been acting as agents for the ECA in the administration of the loan.

He added, "In the case of all ECA loans we actually put out the money and take notes out of ourselves in the Bank but with funds made available to us by the Administrator of the ECA or it is now, the MSA." United Press.

## Argentine Coal Imports

Buenos Aires, Feb. 12.

The United States was Argentina's chief coal supplier last year, according to trade figures issued today.

Of a total of 2,078,917 metric tons imported during the year, 1,331,444 tons came from the U.S. Britain was second, followed by France, Poland and Chile. United Press.

The new German Federal Republic is barred by the Iron Curtain from its old export markets in the nearby agricultural countries of Eastern Europe. So today it is feverishly seeking to spread the growing flow of the Ruhr's industrial products over the remainder of the world.

There is no regular outlet eastwards, even to Germany's Russian zone.

The reason is that the Soviet Zone, whose sweeping farmlands previously supplied 75 per cent of Germany's home-grown food, is harnessed now to the Communist bloc's economy.

And the Communist bosses do not wish to relinquish their grip on its rich agricultural produce.

Illicit transactions still continue between Western Germany and the Soviet satellite States; last May, before the Allies made a concerted drive to close the frontier leaks, they allegedly reached a rate of £100 million a year. However, the flow has now decreased, as the Western authorities impose economic penalties against offending firms.

And customs men and frontier police hold stricter watch. For these transactions involved the dispatch eastwards of strategically important materials benefiting Communism's war potential.

The result is that the Federal Republic is today redoubling her efforts to capture new markets in the semi-industrialised and under-developed countries, many of them in the Sterling Area.

The increase in her exports is already striking. In 1950 they were £697 million. 1951 they were £1,174 million, or nearly half Britain's. This year, Bonn trade officials hope that the gain will be in proportion.

TRADITIONAL WARES

Coal and steel, machinery and other metal products, electrical goods, motor-cars, pharmaceuticals, optical instruments, chemical products, textiles and toys are among the traditional wares she has to sell.

At the same time the Federal Republic is employed on a big ship-building programme aimed at creating a merchant fleet of 2½ million tons by 1954, enabling her by then to carry half her overseas trade in her own vessels.

Together with these made in Germany goods, say representatives of the Ruhr's Big Business, will be despatched engineers, technicians and construction workers to help build and equip power stations, railways, factories, reservoirs and bridges wherever a contract can be obtained.

Africa, with its still considerable German element in the South West, is regarded as having excellent potentialities. Alone, the Union of South Africa imported over £14 million of German goods last year, against £6,980,000 in 1950.

BIG INCREASES

Amounts imported into other African territories might seem small—but the increases over the previous year were remarkable.

Kenya and Uganda bought £3,000,000 compared with £850,000 in 1950; Tanganyika, £600,000 against £271,000; Southern Rhodesia, £585,000 against £215,000; Northern Rhodesia, £334,000 against £108,000. And these increases are typical of those in other areas in the Continent.

It was with this in mind, and the vast construction and development work to be done in Africa, that Herr Breitschneider, head of the German Africa Association, recently appealed to the Federal Government to grant "substantial credits" to German firms seeking to re-establish themselves there.

The Middle East, Asia and South America have also been vigorously toured by German businessmen, who, after sizing up opportunities, were followed by German missions. All have successfully pressed German wares into the shop windows.

Their salesmanship will grow more intense, predict the Ruhr bosses, now that they are regaining their footholds.

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For, fearing a possible trade recession when the present world rearmament boom abates, they wish to secure markets as rapidly as possible.

Already in Egypt, cashing in on a "cash" feeling, the Federal Republic has been granted contracts for building a Nile bridge, re-modelling of a Nile bridge, and the construction of a Cairo power station. Furthermore, a "Made in Germany" exhibition will next July open at Alexandria and later tour the Middle East's principal cities.

In Turkey, German salesmen are back in numbers. In neighbouring States, Pakistan and India, and away to Indonesia, the pattern runs the same.

(By VAUGHAN JONES)

Dusseldorf, Feb. 7.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$1,085,522.30. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

## SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HK Bank .. 1590 1600 50 @ 1625  
N. S. Bank .. 1500 1600 50 @ 1600

## INSURANCES

Canlon .. 245  
Union .. 775 785 40 @ 782½

## UNDERWRITERS

HK Fire .. 145  
Underwriters .. 3500 4000 50 @ 100

## SHIPPING

Asia Nav .. 1.05 1.15 1000 @ 1.05  
N. S. Nav .. 1.15 1.25 1000 @ 1.15

## DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf .. 105½ 106 500 @ 105½  
N. S. Wharf .. 105½ 106 500 @ 105½

## LAND, ETC.

President .. 14½ 15 1000 @ 14½  
S. N. Dock .. 2.40 2.50 45 500 @ 44

## UTILITIES

Tram .. 17.00 18 2500 @ 17.50  
Peak Tram .. 11½ 12 122 500 @ 11½

## INDUSTRIALS

Star Ferry .. 122 123 500 @ 122  
C. Light (O) .. 8.80 8.95 2500 @ 8.85

## ELECTRIC

Electric (D) .. 22½ 23 2000 @ 22½  
Electric (N) .. 22½ 23 2000 @ 22½

## TELEPHONES

Telephone .. 17 18 1000 @ 17  
Industrial .. 16.40 16.50 200 @ 16.50

## STOCKS, ETC.

Water .. 20½ 20½ 4000 @ 20½  
Dairy .. 20½ 20½ 4000 @ 20½

## COTTONS

Watan .. 24½ 24½ 1500 @ 24½  
Cottons .. 1700 @ 3

## MISCELLANEOUS

Yamaguchi .. 5.05 5.10 2000 @ 5.10  
Yamaguchi .. 5.05 5.10 2000 @ 5.10

## LONDON MARKET

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 122½-123½  
February .. 122½-123½  
March .. 122½-123½

Number 2 rubber, per lb. 122½-123½  
February .. 122½-123½  
March .. 122½-123½

Number 3 rubber, per lb. 122½-123½  
February .. 122½-123½  
March .. 122½-123½

Number 4 rubber, per lb. 122½-123½  
February .. 122½-123½  
March .. 122½-123½

Spot rubber, unbleached .. 122½-123½  
Black crepe .. 122½-123½  
No. 1 pale crepe .. 122½-123½

United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) .. 67½  
Sterling note (per £1) .. 36-5-37  
Indonesian guilders (per 100) .. 2.80

Siam baht (per 100) .. 27.50  
Singapore (Straits) .. 1.74  
FIC plaques (per 100) .. 12.50

## TRADE MISSION TO INDIA

Paris, Feb. 12.

An official Japanese industrial mission to visit India, according to the Indian radio monitor, is here today.

The mission is expected to arrive in India next month, the radio added.—France-Press.

# ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

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### SAILINGS FROM EUROPE

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"HOOKEK" Sailed Oct. 11th  
"HOOKEK" Sailed Oct. 25th  
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